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In re Application of:

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COMPUTER MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM AND SYSTEM
MANAGEMENT METHOD

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449 Form. To the Undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached PTO 1449 Form.

An English-language version of an Official Action from the Japanese Patent Office issued in a corresponding application citing the document and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. Additionally, an English-language abstract of the document is enclosed.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916..

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Patent Application No.: 2000-208875
Examiner's Notice Date: February 25, 2003
Examiner: Shinji Tsunoda
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This application is rejected on the grounds stated below. Any opinion about the rejection must be filed within 60 days of the mailing date hereof.

REASON

The invention is unpatentable under Section 29 (2) of the Patent Law, as being such that the invention could easily have been made by a person with ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains, on the basis of the invention described in the following publication(s) distributed in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application or the invention made available to the public through electric telecommunication lines in Japan or a foreign country prior to this application.

REMARKS

Claims: 1, 2, 10 and 12

Reference: 1

Note:

From the comparison between the invention recited in Claims 1, 2, 10 and 12 of the present application and the invention disclosed in Reference 1, it can be understood that the present invention is different from Reference 1 in the respect that the present invention employs radio communications as the communication means whereas Reference does not use radio communications. However, it is considered not particularly difficult to use conventionally well-known radio communications as the communication means.

Claim: 3

Reference: 1

Note:

In the field of the communication technique, it is obvious that some kind of control is carried out upon the completion of connection of a communication at the connection terminal when the communication is connected. Further, providing a visible display indicating the completion of a connection is merely a matter of designing that can be achieved in accordance with necessity by a person having ordinary skill in the art.

Claims: 4 to 9

Reference: 1

Note:

Reference 1 discloses a modulation/demodulation system, in which during the time period for the modulation/demodulation process, which is the original process of the system, (corresponding to the not-in-operation period of the present invention), data updating operation is carried out by the central device and thus data are read out. In consideration of this, it can be concluded that the invention recited in Claims 4 to 9 of the present application can be easily achieved by a person having ordinary skill in the art based on the invention disclosed in Reference 1.

Claim: 11

Reference: 1

Note:

Whether radio communication or wired communication via LAN is employed as the communication means is merely a matter of designing that can be achieved in accordance with necessity by a person having ordinary skill in the art.

The claims not mentioned in this Official Action are not rejected. If a new reason for rejection is noticed, a further Official Action will be issued.

LIST OF REFERENCE

1. Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKIA Publication No. 7-147611
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Prior Art Search Report

Searched Field: IPC 7th edition

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Prior-Art Document(s):

Jpn. Pat. Appln. KOKIA Publication No. 8-137771

The result of the prior art document search does not constitute the reasons for rejection.